

# TABLETOP MASTERCLASS:

## HOW TO PLAN, PRODUCE & CONDUCT TABLETOP EXERCISES

Learn the essential skills  
you need to plan, design,  
deliver and evaluate effective  
tabletop exercises

Tabletop exercises are an excellent way to improve your organisation's preparedness for responding to, and recovering from, business-impacting cyber attacks. In this Tabletop Masterclass, not only will you learn the theory and gain essential skills, you will also learn how to apply the knowledge to plan, produce, and facilitate effective and highly engaging tabletop exercises.

**Here is what we are going to cover in the 7-hour Masterclass.**

### Learning Objectives

**In this Masterclass, you'll learn how to:**

- Clarify the objectives and outcomes of your exercise
- Select the right participants and exercise team
- Plan and design highly-interactive scenarios
- Produce targeted queries and questions that drive engagement
- Plan for role-play interaction
- Create and use 'injects' effectively
- Drive engagement and interaction, even with 'stubborn' or disengaged attendees
- Create meaningful reports that clearly identify tangible improvements

### Learning Outcomes

**By the end of this Masterclass, you should be able to:**

- Plan and design realistic tabletop scenarios for three unique audience types: Executives, Operational Management and Technical Staff
- Deliver and facilitate effective and engaging cyber tabletops to executives, operational staff and technical staff
- Evaluate the effectiveness of your exercises
- Identify and address gaps in your organisation's preparedness
- Drive deep and meaningful discussions with the attendees
- Use data from a tabletop to improve existing IR playbooks
- Produce an executive summary report with actionable recommendations
- Produce and deliver meaningful debrief sessions

## Course Collateral Includes

- Access to our Templates: Access to our professionally curated and designed tabletop templates in PPTX
  - Access to our tabletop content including question banks
  - Professionally created and designed documents including:
    - Terms of Reference (ToR) Template
    - Checklists – Tabletop Preparation, Production and Delivery Checklists
    - 5 Tabletop Scenarios Powerpoint templates (Editable)
    - Facilitator's Guide
    - Detailed Participant's Guide
    - Detailed Observer's Guide
    - Report Templates .
- Includes 4 Cyber Security Tabletop Exercise Templates:*
- Ransomware
  - Executive Tabletop
  - Operational Tabletop
  - Technical Tabletop
- Top 30 Tabletop Scenarios:  
30 Unique Scenarios including suggested threats
  - Free 1-hour consulting session that includes a review of your current tabletop slide deck and approach
  - 50% discount Executive Briefing and Awareness Sessions (or EBAS) session with your executives
  - Free cursory review of your existing IR plan document
  - Additional discounts on any of our Cyber Tabletop (CCTE) Services

## Why us?

- Deep and Verifiable Experience
- We have conducted over 300 tabletop exercises!
- We can engage senior executives, management and deep techies
- Our facilitation experience and skills ensure all attendees take part
- We have numerous case studies and testimonials that demonstrate the success of our approach to tabletop exercises
- We are experts in crisis management, IR and Cyber Consultancy
- Our training courses in Cyber Incident Planning & Response & Playbooks are UK Government's NCSC-Assured

## Benefits of the Tabletop Masterclass:

- Learn from a highly-experienced cybersecurity professional who has planned, produced and conducted hundreds of tabletop exercises, remotely and in-person.
- Our consultant is recognised globally and has verifiable experience and skills that will teach you to interact and engage with a wide range of stakeholders, senior board members, CEOs, CFOs and even deep technical staff all around the world.
- Achieve tangible improvements in your organisation's crisis management and crisis preparedness, consequently reducing business disruption in a real attack.
- An effective tabletop session increases attendee confidence in their own organisation's ability to respond and recover from a crisis.

## Who is this Tabletop Masterclass for?

The target audience for this Masterclass is for anyone who wants to improve their organisation's crisis preparedness and cyber resilience. Some job roles that will benefit from this special training include:

- Business Continuity Manager
- Cyber Risk Manager
- Emergency Planner/Manager
- Project Manager/IT Project Manager
- CISO/Head of Information Security
- IT Security/Cybersecurity Manager
- Head of Security Operations

## Course Modules

- 1 Introduction and understanding the importance of tabletop exercises
- 2 Defining objectives and outcomes of the tabletop exercise
- 3 Choosing the right participants and exercise team
- 4 Designing an interactive scenario and exercise plan
- 5 Identifying issues and key gaps
- 6 Creating an interactive environment
- 7 Conducting the tabletop exercise – Executives
- 8 Conducting the tabletop exercise – Operational
- 9 Conducting the tabletop exercise – Technical
- 10 Conducting tabletop exercises – Onsite
- 11 Conducting tabletop exercises – Remotely
- 12 Break the silence barrier – Gaining effective insight
- 13 The Debrief – Post tabletop exercise lessons learned
- 14 Improve your Incident response playbooks with tabletop sessions